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## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1475

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DIGEST OF HB 1475 (Updated March 19, 2001 2:19 PM - DI 73)

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-6.

**Synopsis:** Admission to the Indiana veterans' home. Provides that a person must be a legal resident of Indiana for at least three years (rather than five years) immediately preceding application to be eligible for admission to the Indiana veterans' home. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the commission on military and veterans affairs.)

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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**GiaQuinta, Ruppel, Klinker,  
Kuzman, Bischoff, Liggett, Scholer,  
Duncan**

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January 11, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy, Ethics and Veterans Affairs.

February 8, 2001, reported — Do Pass.

February 12, 2001, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

February 13, 2001, read third time, passed. Yeas 95, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 27, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

March 13, 2001, reported favorably — Do Pass.

March 19, 2001, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1475

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning veterans.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 10-6-1-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
2 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) The following persons  
3 who are legal residents of Indiana for at least ~~five (5)~~ **three (3)** years  
4 immediately preceding application for admission and who are disabled  
5 or destitute are eligible for admission to the home:

6       (1) All honorably discharged members of the armed forces and  
7       nurses who have served with the United States in any of its wars.

8       (2) All honorably discharged members of the armed forces and  
9       nurses who have served in any of the authorized campaigns of the  
10       United States and who have service-connected disabilities, as  
11       evidenced by a pension certificate or the award of compensation.

12       (3) The spouses of such discharged members of the armed forces.

13       (4) The surviving spouses of such discharged members of the  
14       armed forces.

15       (b) The administrative head of the division of medical institutions  
16       of the state department of health, or of its legally constituted successor,  
17       shall adopt rules concerning admission to the home.

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1 (c) In making rules governing the admission, maintenance, and  
2 discharge of members of the veterans' home, it shall be lawful for the  
3 administrative head of the administrative unit for special institutions of  
4 the state department of health, or of its legally constituted successor, to  
5 establish a fund to be known as the "veterans' home comfort and  
6 welfare fund", and the administrative head shall deposit all money  
7 collected from the members for the cost of their care and maintenance  
8 in this fund. The administrative head shall expend this money in any  
9 manner that will add to the comfort and welfare of the members of the  
10 institutions. A portion of such fund may be withdrawn and deposited  
11 in a special fund to be known as the "veterans' home building fund",  
12 which fund shall be used for the construction, maintenance,  
13 remodeling, or repairing of buildings of the Indiana veterans' home.  
14 Preference may be given to persons who served in Indiana military  
15 organizations. Except in cases where the surviving spouse of a veteran  
16 shall marry another veteran, the benefits of this chapter shall extend  
17 only to surviving spouses and spouses of veterans when the contract of  
18 marriage was entered into more than five (5) years prior to the date of  
19 death of the veteran. Unless otherwise prescribed by law, on the death  
20 of any person in such home any balance of money paid to such person,  
21 or due to the person from any bank, trust company, corporation, or  
22 individual shall become part of the assets of such person's estate and  
23 shall be distributed in the manner as prescribed by the probate law of  
24 the state.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Policy, Ethics and Veterans Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1475, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

KUZMAN, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Public Policy, to which was referred House Bill No. 1475, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to House Bill 1475 as printed February 9, 2001.)

WYSS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

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## SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Engrossed House Bill 1475 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete "[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]" and insert "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]".

(Reference is to EHB 1475 as printed March 14, 2001.)

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